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BONDS, OR A DIRECT TAX?

As the special election day approaches public opinion begins to crystallize on the subject of the issue of bonds for municipal building purposes. All coincide that new city buildings are a prime necessity, and the sentiment in favor of erecting them is well-nigh unanimous. At the same time there is manifested an unmistakable determination on the part of the voting, tax-payers to surround the plan with all necessary safeguards. They may not distrust the City Council, who will be charged with the duty of expending the money when raised, but they will demand guarantees all the same. This is right; it is "business." The tax-payers have a right to demand and exact security for their money, and no official, or any other man, can rightfully say nay.

There are two principal plans suggested for raising the required money. The first is that devised by the Mayor and Council, and published by them for the information of voters. It is the twenty-year bonds plan. The second is the plan of raising the entire amount required—\$100,000—an one time by a special tax. To this plan it has been objected that it is fatally met by the prohibition of the charter, which forbids the levying or collection of any tax for municipal purposes exceeding \$1.50 on each one hundred dollars in any one year. Let us examine this criticism in the light of the facts, and see whether it is sound. The last city tax levy was 76 cents on each one hundred dollars, the total enrollment of taxable property amounting to an aggregate of \$9,294,674. There is good reason for assuming that the total enrollment in the present year will reach \$10,000,000, and we are informed that it is the opinion of officials who have to do with the matter that the rate (not yet fixed) will not need to be over fifty cents on the one hundred dollars for ordinary purposes. If this is so, it will make possible the levying of a special tax of one dollar on each one hundred for the purpose of raising the desired City Hall fund—and all within the limitations and restrictions of the charter. If the total enrollment reaches ten millions of dollars—and we are satisfied it will—a special tax of one cent per will produce the required \$100,000. Thus the whole matter can be disposed of at once, and the objectionable course be obviated of issuing bonds running twenty years, and involving the payment of interest thereon amounting in the end to more than the entire principal sum.

But should the raising of the entire sum be considered too onerous a burden to be imposed upon the tax-payers in a single year, two years might be taken to raise the money.

Either plan would be preferable, in our judgment, to the plan proposed by the City Council. We are satisfied that the best business sense of the community is against saddling the city with a debt that will run for a period equal to half the average span of human life.

POLISHED OFF IN POETRY.

The cleverest thing written concerning the Iroquois Club of Chicago, and Carter Harrison's explosion of tariff dynamite in the midst of the free-traders assembled around the fence board is the following extract from a poem after the style of Bret Harte's Paleontological Club of Calaveras, which appeared in the New York Tribune. We quote the closing stanzas:

Then Vitas of Wisconsin raised a point of order. An empty champagne bottle took him in the abdomen, And the Iroquois made a sticky smile and curled up on the floor.

And he munched, as he was woaded, "We're like a hawk."

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